



Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity
Lorna Slater MSP

7th May 2023

Dear Minister,

Ministerial visit to Isle of Rum planned for Friday 12th May 2023

We are delighted that you plan to visit Rum. We agree that this would be an excellent opportunity to progress the work to date on both the Castle and wider island issues. The last year has been a particularly busy one for the community and for the IRCT and whilst by no means our only challenge, the Castle has been a significant focus for our energies.

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IRCT will hold an AGM within the next few weeks to recruit new members to grow and strengthen our Board and also recruit a new Chair.

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Whilst we feel that much could still be made of your visit of great value for the community, it clearly comes at a particularly challenging moment for the IRCT. And as the principal representative body for the island community, it would be very disappointing if you were not able to meet with Board members whilst you were on Rum.

We fully appreciate that your own timetable must be incredibly busy and SENTENCE REACTED. And we stand very willing to continue to play our part in helping to make that happen. However, would it be possible, to ask if an alternative date could be found that would allow both a better representation of voices from across the community and also from a hopefully enlarged and rejuvenated IRCT Board? And/or the use of a zoom meeting as an interim or an additional option?

We hope that one of the above suggestions is possible, but we will make every effort to make a success, for our part, of whatever you propose.

Kindest regards

Sincerely



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On behalf of the IRCT Board.